

## ALASKA FIELD

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## History in Brief

Educational Work	Medical Work
<p>1877 - Dr. Sheldon Jackson made first visit to Alaska. Was accompanied by Mrs. Amanda McFarland who began a combined school and home for Indian girls in Wrangell.</p>	<p>Never extensive, Small hospitals were maintained at different times at Barrow, Haines, and Hydaburg. The Sheldon Jackson school hospital seems to have been open to towns' people during most of its history.</p>
<p>1878 - John G. Brady, later Governor of Alaska and Miss Fannie Kellog, both recruited by Dr. Jackson, opened a mission school in Sitka.</p>	
<p>1885 - Eleven schools in Southeastern Alaska, the only schools in the Territory under the care of the Woman's Executive Committee. First Congressional appropriation of \$25,000 made in that year and some missionary teachers transferred to Government schools. Dr. Jackson made U.S. Commissioner of Education.</p>	
<p>1890 - Mission work among Eskimos began with a day school in Barrow.</p>	
<p>1925 - (Consolidation of Boards) Haines House Sheldon Jackson School</p>	<p>1925 - (Consolidation of Boards) Barrow Hospital</p>
<p>1953 - Present Educational Program Haines House, Haines.  A boarding home for Alaskan children who attend the public Territorial school.  <u>Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka.</u> A coeducational boarding school of grades 7-12 and 2 years junior college. Open to any Alaskan young person.</p>	<p>1953 - Present Medical Program <u>Sheldon Jackson Dispensary, Sitka</u>  Cares for students and some town maternity cases.  <u>Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Palmer.</u> A 25 bed general hospital under erection.</p>
<p><u>Sheldon, Jackson Junior College, Sitka</u></p>	
<p>1878 - Day school opened in Russian Guard House</p>	<p><u>Sheldon Jackson Dispensary</u> 1924 - Present Building erected.</p>
<p>1880 - Boarding department for boys added. School moved to old Russian log hospital.</p>	<p>1950-53 - Used by city of Sitka as town hospital.</p>
<p>1882 - Girls' department added. Former Hospital burned and school building erected by Dr. Jackson with second hand materials.</p>	<p>1953 - Again operated by the Board for students and staff. Occasional town maternity cases accepted.</p>
<p>1884 - Girls transferred from Ft. Wangall Home. School called Sitka Industrial Training School.</p>	<p><u>Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Palmer</u> 1950 - Board of National Missions entered into a contract with the local Hospital Building for joint operation and a small annual subsidy.</p>
<p>1910 - School named Sheldon Jackson School</p>	<p>1953 - New hospital being erected. Financing from 1952 Opportunity Giving, Territorial, and Federal funds.</p>

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History in Brief  
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- 1911 - Six new buildings erected.  
4 dormitories, a school building,  
an industrial building.
  - 1921 - First class graduated from high  
school.
  - 1944 - Junior college department added.
  - 1946 - School named Sheldon Jackson  
Junior College.
  - 1949 - Last elementary grade dropped.  
Now 4 years high school, and  
two years junior college.

Haines House, Haines:

- 1880 - Mission day school opened.
- 1883 - Boarding department added.
- 1885 - Day school transferred to the  
Government.
- 1897 - New building erected. Children  
live at the mission and attend  
Government day school.
- 1912 - Mission operated as a hospital,  
the only one in the Territory  
for natives.
- 1921 - Hospital building reconverted for  
use as a children's home.  
(This now the girl's dormitory).
- 1927 - Building now used as boys'  
dormitory erected.

## The Present Situation

Educational Work	Medical Work
<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Two separate school systems maintained in Alaska by the Territory (larger towns and cities) and the Alaska native service, (small Indian and Eskimo villages). The sparse population in Alaska and the difficulties of transportation make the maintenance of adequate schools costly and difficult, especially on the high school level.</p> <p>At present only one four year college in the Territory, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.</p>	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>A scattered population, difficulties of transportation and lack of medical care create severe health problems. Tuberculosis is prevalent among the natives with an incidence over 7 times greater than in the States. The territory maintains travelling medical teams and most larger towns have some type of hospital. Hospitals and sanatoria for the natives are maintained by the Alaska Native Service (Federal Government). Many inhabitants both white and native, have no medical care available.</p>
<p><u>The Board's Work:</u></p> <p>Haines House and Sheldon Jackson, originally established for native children, now serve any Alaskan child or young person regardless of race. Both draw largely from Southeastern Alaska but Haines always has some children from the Bristol Bay Area while Sheldon Jackson has an increasing number of students, Eskimo and white from the Interior and Arctic Coasts.</p> <p>Sheldon Jackson as the only college in Alaska aside from the University is widely known and respected. It has been a key factor in the development of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska and of the Indian people, and continues to have an almost unlimited field for service. An Advisory Committee which represents both Presbyteries is being set up this year.</p>	<p><u>The Board's Work:</u></p> <p>Since the Sheldon Jackson Dispensary is again operated as a part of the college, the only community medical project with which the Board is associated is the Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Palmer. "Feelers" for Board aid in Skagway and Sitka have been made in recent years but the Department has not reacted favorably because of the expense and because of the great shortage of medical personnel which makes it impossible to staff the Board's present hospitals properly.</p>

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Facts on Haines House  
Haines, Alaska

Program	General Information		
1. A Boarding Home for boys and girls age 4-14	<u>Boarding Homes under Public Auspices</u>		
Enrollment 1952-53	None in the Territory		
Capacity			
2. Enrollment chiefly Indian but open to any Alaskan child in need.	<u>Other Denominational Boarding Homes</u>		
3. Area Served 1952-53	Approximately 25 children's homes scattered all over Alaska are maintained by various private agencies; of these: 1 is Methodist, 1 Baptist (both in the Bristol Bay Area). A number are operated by "Faith" groups.		
<u>Communities</u>	<u>No. Children</u>		
Southeastern Alaska			
8	32		
Bristol Bay			
4	7		
4. Church Membership 1952-53			
6 Presbyterians	20%		
6 Others	20%		
18 Too young for church membership			
<u>Budget 1953</u>		<u>Property</u>	
Salaries	\$19,740	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Erected</u>
Operating	16,608		<u>Value (Incl. Equipment)</u>
Total	\$36,348	Girls' House	1902
Less Field Receipts	5,900	Boys' House	1927
Net	\$30,448	Farmer's Cottage	1928
		Executive's House	1952
		Miscellaneous	
			21,891
		Total	\$202,616
<u>Analysis of Income</u>		Land 197 1/2 acres	
1. Annual Charges 1952-53		Campus 3 acres	\$ 4,950
Room and Board	\$100.	Cultivated 16 "	17,765
		Other 178 1/2 "	51,227
2. Realization in Cash		Total Land Value	73,942
28 Paid in full	65%	Grand Total Property	\$276,558
9 Paid 50% or more	20%		
- Paid less than 50%	-		
6 Paid no cash	14%		

## Facts on Sheldon Jackson Junior College

## Sitka Alaska

Program		General Information		
1. A coeducational boarding high school and Junior College:		Public High Schools: Reasonably good in the larger towns. However most Sheldon Jackson students (102 in all) come from villages without a public high school and too small to support one.		
Enrollment 1952-53 -		Boarding Schools - Alaska Native Service		
High School	126	Three now maintained in Sitka, Wrangell (elementary only) and White Mountain near Nome. Future uncertain). The school in Sitka has over 600 boarding students many from scattered settlements in the Interior and offers upper elementary work, high school and post high school work.		
Jr. College Freshmen	10	Other Denominational Schools:		
" " Sophomore	3			
	139	None on the high school and junior college level. One or two small Episcopal elementary schools in the Interior.		
Boarding capacity	162	Graduates		
2. Open to any Alaskan student.		Since founding in 1878		
Enrollment 1952-53		High School 338		
Indians (4 tribes)	112	Junior College (since 1946) 17		
Eskimo	12	Men Women		
White	15	Fishermen 54 Housewives 91		
3. Area Served 1952-53		Laborers 24 Students 11		
South Eastern Alaska	No. Students	Teachers 6		
18 towns and Villages	120	Armed services 23 Nurses' Aides 3		
Interior and Artic Coast		Students 10 Nurses 2		
13 towns and villages	18	Ministers 2 Laundry Workers 5		
Church Membership 1952-53		Teachers 3 Office Workers 5		
79 Presbyterians	58%	Doctor 1 Hospital " 4		
38 All Others	27%	etc. etc.		
21 Not Church Members	15%			
Budget 1953		Property		
Salaries	\$47,035	Buildings		Value
Operating	37,520	Erected		Including
Total -	\$84,555			Equipment
Less		Museum	1895	\$45,000
Field Receipts	20,000	Class rooms &		
NET . .	\$64,555	Auditorium	1911	88,505
Analysis of Income		4 Dormitories	1911	229,636
1. Annual Charges 1952-53		5 staff cottages	1906-1926	47,253
Tuition & Board		Home Ec. cottage	1928 & 1951	26,327
and room	\$175 a year	Dispensary	1926	28,455
Entrance fee	5	Gymnasium	1934	42,122
2. Realization in Cash:		Centran Heating		
111 Paid in full	80%	Plant & Laundry	1911	39,231
17 Paid 50% or more	12%	Sage Shop Buildg.		
10 Paid no cash	8%	& Power House	1930	133,599
		Miscellaneous	-	53,887
		Total - \$734,015		
		Land	354 1/2 acres	
		Campus	? "	
		Value Land		30,000
		Grand Total Property		\$764,015

## Questions for Consideration

## Educational

## Medical

Sheldon Jackson Junior College

No major questions. The "Blueprint" approved by the Board April, 1953, provides for the following:

1. Continuance of high school department on interracial basis with enrollment of approximately 150.
2. Strengthening of Junior College Department by:
  - (1) Accreditation
  - (2) Recruiting student body (interracial) of approximately 50
  - (3) Development of a 2-year terminal curriculum and a 2-year curriculum looking toward transfers to colleges in the States.
  - (4) Developing an employment program.
  - (5) Organizing the Junior College as a separate unit.
3. Planning of buildings and other facilities for enrollment of 200.
4. Setting up Advisory Committee.
5. Setting up a field work Department of the college for extension services, public relations, recruiting, etc.

Haines House

Funds raised by 1951 Opportunity Giving are in hand to renovate the existing plant and erect a new cottage for children.

1. For what ages and sexes should the new cottage be planned?
2. Should both of the present buildings be renovated or should the less adequate (to be determined) be replaced by a second cottage?
3. Recognizing the very inadequate social service personnel of the Territory and the Alaskan Native Service, should a case worker be added to the staff to help with in-take and dismissals, behavior problems, and help find foster homes? What services could such a person perform in relation to Sheldon Jackson and the churches?

General:

1. The Alaska Committee suggested exploration of the possibility of a cooperative plan for work in religion in connection with the University of Alaska, perhaps including a Christian Student Center. Should the Department take this up with the Methodists as a possible interdenominational project under the new Alaska Foundation?

Sitka

Plans are under way to erect a Community hospital and it is understood that the city may request a church agency to operate it. This hospital will duplicate facilities available in Sitka at the Pioneer Home for old settlers and for natives in the ANS hospitals on Alice Island and be in competition with them for personnel.

Informal approaches have been made in the past to the Department and to the Lutherans relative to the operation of the hospital and it is reported that the Lutherans are now more actively in the picture.

In view of existing Presbyterian concentration in Sitka, should the Department indicate an interest in possible operation of the hospital?

It should be understood that operation would undoubtedly mean the provision of some operating subsidy and also the payment of wages and salaries at the prevailing local rates which are considerably higher than those for the staff at Sheldon Jackson. This disparity caused some feeling when the city and college operated the school dispensary jointly, and would undoubtedly cause much more should the Board be responsible for the new hospital.

Barrow

Informal approaches have been made relative to possible Board operation of the hospital which was formerly under the Board (in a building which burned) and is now operated by the Alaska Native Service. An operating subsidy of at least \$60,000 to \$75,000 a year would be required.

Should the Department continue to refuse consideration in view of problems of cost and chronic shortages of medical personnel?

General (Continued)

2. Social and church workers in Juneau have for some time been urging the establishment of a hostel to give safe and relatively inexpensive temporary housing for children, girls and women passing through. Should the Department explore this with other denominations?

Financial Needs  
Educational Work

1. Basis Present Program

<u>Project</u>	<u>Capital Building Needs Net</u>	<u>Balance From</u>	<u>Current Operating Needs (Annual)</u>
<u>Sheldon Jackson</u>			
Library and Classroom Bldg.		Opportunity Giving	\$ 1,000.
President's House		Funds in Hand	500.
Missionary Cottage		Funds in Hand	500.
2 Missionary Cottages	\$ 24,000.		
Renovating 4 Dormitories	60,000.		
Completion of renovation- Auditorium and present School building	15,000.		
Totals -	\$ 99,000.		\$ 2,000.
<u>Haines House</u>			
Renovation 2 Dormitories	10,000.	Balance in hand	
		1951 Opportunity Giving	
Erection new cottage		1951 Opportunity Giving	
Totals -	\$10,000.		
Grand Totals Present Program	\$109,000.		\$ 2,000.

2. Additions to Present Program

<u>Sheldon Jackson</u>			
Dormitory for 75 College Students	\$190,000.	Raise \$10,000 in Alaska	\$ 7,000.net
Addition Science Wing to new library and classroom building	50,000.		500.
Dining Hall, Kitchen and Student center	90,000.	Raise \$10,000 in Alaska	1,500.
Totals	\$330,000.		9,000.
<u>Haines House</u>			
Addition case worker to staff		(Salary (Rent (Travel	4,500.
Totals			\$ 4,500.
<u>General</u>			
Hostel - Juneau		( Rent ( Supervisor, ( Operating.	\$ 7,000.
Student Center University	140,000. (1/2 Cost)	Raise \$20,000 in Alaska	10,000.
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Totals	\$140,000.		\$ 17,000.
<u>Grand Totals -</u>			
Additions to Program	\$470,000.		\$30,500.

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Medical Work

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1. Basis Present Program

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No immediate needs foreseen

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2. Additions to Present Program

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Sitka

Community Hospital	?	\$ 10,000.
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Barrow

Hospital	?	60,000.
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Grand Totals		
Additions to Program	?	\$ 70,000.

